

New Bedford Dec 23/1860,

Dear Deborah,

Here I am all alone
in the Dining Room Fanny & Jory
having gone over to Mr Thorntons,
& Frank & Thos, gone to bed -

Your letter, I can well assure was
very acceptable - I hope you had
the pleasure of hearing Wendell as
you anticipated - I should
certainly have gone to have heard
him had I been in Boston -
It was truly a sermon against
Sin - Brutal Courage is "Dog-ged"
Cheap - vile, to the naked eye
at any corner of the street - but
to stand up manfully and
boldly before ones enemies,
and advocate the great Truths
requires a courage which all
do not possess - it is noble, it is
manly, it is sublime - Phillips
is Eloquent as Mirabeau, and as

bold as Peter the Hermit. God
grant that his and Garrison's
life may long be spared so
that they may see the fruits
of their works - The dawn
of freedom is just commencing,
and may the Sun thereof - the
true Son of Richesness, soon
come in all his nuptial glory.
You can never "dam the Nile"
with bulrushes, than fetter the
Cause of freedom as James Otis
truly said - No concession or
compromise can now put down
Abolitionism, its lightning flash
and thunder is coming now in
quick succession, already are
the clouds of darkness and dark-
ness, ^{and} being removed, and the
Rainbow of Hope & Promise
is being seen - Never have I felt
bolder or more confident of success
than now - the harder the battle

wages, the more successful I feel.
Did you receive the paper I sent
you, wherein was stated 1400 men
were ready to go from here &
defend Phillips if necessary,
such will be the feeling in all
the places out of Boston. Willy
Ruten has his first improving in-
grace - Yesterday I heard him
manfully defending Phillips,
and saying Wendells ground
was impregnable - He ^{Willy} made
a fine speech before the Muni-
cipal Election, and Daniel
& myself have buckled him
up all we could consistently
with our own non voting views.
The colored men almost unani-
mously voted the Republican
ticket - they have no confidence
in any Democrat - They ^{Republicans} would
have been successful, if they had
had another week - The deserting

to from the Republican Ranks were
just coming back - Isaac Taber
has done one good act - and for
which I personally thank
him - two weeks this night I & Fort
of spoke here - there was some symptoms
of a disturbance appeared the day
before - but Mayor Taber gave
the City Marshall ten Police Officers
to put the first man that made
a disturbance out of the House -
The officers were all there - I of
course went - it was the Stillson
Anti Slavery Meeting I even attended
there was not the least sing
of disapprobation I & Fort said
just what he "darned please
and he did it well - he did
no mince matters in the least - the
lower part of Liberty Hall was
full & the Galleries partially
It was the best attended meet
we have had for a long time.

In conversation with J. M. Bullard
a nephew of Mr. Brigham, I asked
him if there were any very smart
fellows in his class. He said yes,
that young Garrison was a very
superior, and beloved by his
class, though he entertained the
ideas of his father, which I said
were right - then he said that nearly
all his class were Republicans -
It was gratifying to me to know
that young Garrison is so beloved.
You received mine for the Fetti-
ter then I anticipated with
pleasure to all good

Yrs Affectionately
Wm. Chetson

Miss Paine has gone on to Fort Snelling
with her husband for the present

Part of letter
from Joseph Rickelson
to Deborah Weston
dated New Bedford
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the letter strictly
personal.